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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:
Stafford McLean et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/901,362

Examiner: Kim, Vickie Y.

FILING DATE: July 9, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1614

USE OF DELTA OPIOID RECEPTOR LIGANDS
AND SEROTONIN REUPTAKE INHIBITORS IN
THE TREATMENT OF CHEMICAL
DEPENDENCIES

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Sir:

This is in response of the Office Action dated April 4, 2003 in the above identified application.

REMARKS

Claims Rejection

The office communication of April 4, 2002, addresses claims 1, 2 and 9 which are readable upon the application's elected specie for the formula I wherein n is 1, X and Y are independently N, Z, and Z₂ are independently H, R₁ is benzyl, R₂ is -CON(CH₂CH₃)₂ and R₃ is OH.

Claims 1-2 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 98/52565, hereinafter referred to as WO '565, in view of US 6,001,848 hereinafter referred to as US '848 and US 6,503,905.